

Poetry Assignment #1: Found Poetry

"Every block of stone has a statue inside it, and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it"

- Michelangelo

Objectives:

- You will experiment with word placement to write poetry effectively
- You will use existing writing to "cut and paste" words and phrases to create your own found poem.

Michelangelo believed that the statue was in the stone – it was the sculptor's job to chisel away the parts that didn't belong. The same kind of principle applies to **Found Poetry**. Here's your task:

1. Get a marker or black pen of some kind.
2. Using a sheet of newspaper or magazine or a book, block out what doesn't belong. Chisel away a word at a time until you reveal your poetic masterpiece (of approximately ten lines).
3. Copy your found poem onto a piece of paper. Put it into your writing folder – you may choose to use it as one of your poetry submissions for this unit.

For example:

